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Comment: In paragraph 4 read GORKIY for GORKY. In paragraph 5, and throughout the report, read Zhdanov for Shdanov.

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this projecting structure, no other elevations or structure were seen on the upper deck. No net deflectors were observed.

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all the submarines were recently built vessels which had just left the shipyard. The red minium coating of the inner parts of the submarines was still shining through the outer skin and the CT casing. The shape of CTs of the submarines sighted nearby also corresponded to that of the submarines lying on the stocks. all these submarines belonged to one and the same class which was built at the Baltic Shipyard.

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3. The building slips of the Baltic Shipyard extended in an east-west direction and were located upstream from the submarine slip and could not be observed as they were blocked from view by the building slip scaffolds and the crane installations located in front of them. Judging from the jutting structures of military masts, however, at least two cruisers were under construction there. The shape of the military masts was similar to those mounted on the SVERDLOV-class cruisers

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Some of the superstructures, which still were incomplete, were minium-coated. The smokestacks and masts were not yet put on, they would not be fitted until the ships had been launched because of their height. The two pairs of smokestacks which were temporarily lying in the shipyard area, showed large oval-shaped stacks with notable smoke hoods. their shape and size also were similar to those of the SVERDLOV-class smokestacks. the shapes and sizes of the superstructures as well as those of the smokestacks clearly indicated that the ships under construction were cruisers. two ships of this type under construction, a third ship possibly also was being built.

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4. One of the three new tankers built at the Admiralty Shipyard (formerly the Marty Shipyard) which has been reported finished complete, had meanwhile left Leningrad. She is the motor tanker (M/T) GORKY, which went through the Kiel Canal on 9 July 1955. the third tanker completed by the Admiralty Shipyard.

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the GORKY was a new tanker sailing in ballast to Odesa on her way from Leningrad. This tanker, which has a capacity of about 12,000 dwt, is characterized by a modern-shaped stem and a cruiser stern, but otherwise shows no particular external characteristics distinguishing her from other western tankers. This tanker was similar in shape and size to the two other new tankers still under construction at the Admiralty Shipyard. One of them was expected to be completed in a few weeks at the time, while the other would take several months to be finished.

5. Destroyer observed on the premises of the Shdanov-shipyard was completely finished and she had already completed her trials. This destroyer had a raised forecastle and a somewhat lower main deck. Her short forecastle had a high stem. Two multiple torpedo tubes were fitted between the two raked smokestacks of oval cross section. The stacks were fitted with black smokehoods and were spaced wide apart. The other armament made out consisted of two 106-mm twin-mount gun turrets, one each on the foredeck and the afterdeck, and a great number of AA weapons. A large tripod mast carrying a great number of various devices and radar equipment was fitted aft of the bridge. A second tripod mast, a little shorter than the foremast, but also equipped with radar devices, stood in front of the after smokestack. the manner in which the two bower anchors were stowed as a most remarkable and striking feature, as they exactly fitted into the sides of destroyer from which they did not project at all. The two other new destroyers moored at the Shdanov

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Shipyards were still at an earlier building stage. [redacted]
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surrounded by building scaffolds.

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[redacted] the three new
vessels were destroyers of one and the same class. [redacted]
[redacted] on the whole, these vessels were large and very modern
destroyers of considerable fighting power.

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2. [redacted] Comment. A submarine [redacted] was seen moored at the Shadnov-Shipyards
in Leningrad on 10 June 1955.

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